

A Case of Possible Plagiarism

Open access journals allow a large number of people to access the contents of a paper. This has been the policy of our journal from its very beginning.

Some weeks ago, a researcher accessed one of the papers published in ELCVIA. He realized that this paper contained significant portions of his own PhD thesis, which is also freely available on the web. There was no reference to the source, however, and the material was presented in a different context. After we, the editorial board, were informed about this observation, we contacted the author of the paper that appeared in ELCVIA. However, we never received any explanation for this coincidence.

For this reason, the ELCVIA editorial board has decided to withdraw this paper from the ELCVIA published issues.

This is the first time such a case has been brought to our attention. Any other future plagiarism attempt by this or another author in ELCVIA will be publicly advertised in this journal and in other scientific forums by publishing both the name of authors and the work in order that the scientific community be aware of the plagiarized work and the infringing authors.

We do sincerely hope, however, that such a case will never happen again.